

# Brentwood NEWSLETTER

*The Voice of the People – Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn*



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## Lobstering At 15: Brentwood Girl Spends Summer Working on Family's Boat

By Lara Bricker



When most of her friends are still asleep during summer vacation, 15-year-old Ella Byrne is getting up before the sun. Her dad, Ward, wakes her about 3 a.m., and the two head to Portsmouth, from their home in Brentwood. They eat breakfast, then take a dinghy boat to their big boat, the F/V Sugar Daddy. They motor past the Portsmouth Fisherman's Cooperative Pier, and out to the Atlantic Ocean while it's still dark.

When the sun begins to rise, it's time to haul lobster traps. "I finally got my 100-trap license this summer," said Ella, who will be a sophomore at Exeter High School this fall. "I've just been on the go with him since before I can remember."

When asked how long she's been going, she points to a photo on her phone when she was about 8 on the boat with her dad. "It was just so fun, I love being on the water," she said. "It's just my favorite thing to do."

For his part, Ward said he always knew that Ella shared his love of the ocean. Her younger sister, Molly, works maple sugaring with him in the offseason. While his grown son, Josh, works on a gillnetter boat for some fishermen Ward knows.

Once they reach their traps, Ella helps with getting the traps pulled with a trap hauler, sets bait bags, and places the thick elastic around the lobster's claws. Her dad checks the lobsters for size, to make sure they're big enough to bring in.

Ella remembers the first lesson she learned from her dad on the boat. "I remember him saying, stay away from the ropes because they'll hurt you," she said.

As she's gained experience, things like touching bait fish are no longer as hard. "I used to refuse to touch the bait, it smells really bad," she said. "I'm over it now. I have gloves, so it's not a big deal to me."

With sales of lobster to restaurants down, and fish auctions happening less often, the Byrnes are like many other local fishermen who have pivoted to a direct to consumer model of sales. They work with the Daily Haul, a newly formed cooperative that sells fish and lobsters at farms in Dover, Portsmouth, South Hampton, Hollis, and Newfields. The Byrnes also sell directly from their home in Brentwood.

Ella has embraced her role promoting the business. She's often seen posting about lobsters available for sale in various community forums on Facebook, on their official F/V Sugar Daddy Facebook page, and working for the Daily Haul.

"I was like I could really take this up a notch," Ella said when asked about how she began promoting the business. "I work for the Daily Haul on Fridays and they helped me learn how to promote and get my Facebook page started. I'm so proud of myself."

Her dad, a retired firefighter who has been lobstering for 20 years, is really proud of her. "It's awesome," he said. "To have a 15-year-old want to get out of bed and go out and work, and actually make some money and be productive, is awesome."

As for what her friends think of her summer job, Ella said, "Some of them think it's cool.

Some of them think I'm really tough and strong, and some of them want to come."

She brought one friend this summer, advising him that the bait would smell awful, and to be careful of the ropes.

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Above: Ella and dad, Ward Byrne, show off their fresh lobster catch.

Right: Ella banding lobsters before they are sold fresh to the day's customers.

Photos courtesy of Lara Bricker.



# Brentwood Newsletter

Town of Brentwood  
www.brentwoodnh.gov

## TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR

(603) 642-6400 ext 113/114

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

(603) 642-6400 ext 110 Fax: 642-6310

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

## BRENTWOOD POLICE

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: (603) 642-8817

## BRENTWOOD FIRE

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: (603) 642-8132

## MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

(603) 642-3355

brentwoodlibrary@comcast.net

www.brentwoodlibrary.org

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## PLANNING BOARD

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(603) 642-6400 ext 116

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday  
of the month at 7:00 pm

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

(603) 642-6400 ext. 120

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

recreation@brentwoodnh.gov

www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation

## SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

(603) 642-3487

Swasey on the Web: scs.sau16.org

SAU 16 on the Web: www.sau16.org

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Submissions for the following month must be  
received by the 15th. Send your news to

Email: [info@brentwoodnewsletter.org](mailto:info@brentwoodnewsletter.org)

Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

## Recycling Pickup Dates

September 8 & 9 • September 22 & 23

## Waste Tonnage Figures

Tons, mixed solid waste  
Tons, recycled goods

## May

119.29  
31.81 (21%)

## July

128.95  
39.78

## Selectmen Resume Weekly Meetings

For the months of September through March, the board will meet each Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Cross Room of the Town Office. The public is welcome. If you would like to be added to the official agenda, please contact Karen Clement.

To watch previously recorded selectmen meetings go to: [vimeo.com/user97247702](https://vimeo.com/user97247702).  
You can also watch the meetings live on Youtube: <https://tinyurl.com/yx15bb36>.

*Karen Clement, Town Administrator*

## Town Clerk Notes

### The Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office Has Resumed Normal Office Hours.

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:30 am - 4:30 pm • Tuesday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm • Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

- **Our office will be closed on September 7 for Labor Day. However, someone will be available from 3:00-7:00 pm to receive absentee ballots dropped off.**
- **The State Primary Election will be held September 8, 2020. Polls open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at Swasey Central School (355 Middle Road).**
- Did you know that you can pay your vehicle, trailer, dog registrations, and property taxes online? Visit [brentwoodnh.gov](http://brentwoodnh.gov) and select the Town Clerk/Tax Collector tab.
- We accept **CASH, CHECK** (made out to the Town of Brentwood), or **CREDIT CARDS** for all payments at the town office! **\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*** A debit card is processed as a credit card only if the card has a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or AMEX logo present. There are additional convenience fees to cover the cost of the credit card fees (2.79% with a \$1.50 minimum). These fees go directly to our third party processor and are not retained by the Town. *Convenience fees cannot be refunded.*
- When transferring your plates, please bring in your old registration to return to the state. A copy will cost \$17.50.
- We are able to provide **HUNTING/FISHING** licenses and register **BOATS, OHRV**.
- NH state law requires you to register dogs (RSA 466:1 Procuring License; Tag). You can obtain a copy of this law at the Town Clerk's Office.

### Dog license fees for 2020

\$10.00 for an unneutered/unspayed dog

\$7.50 for a neutered/spayed dog

\$7.50 for a puppy (up to 7 months old)

\$3.00 on the first dog for a senior resident.

**As of July 1st**, you may have received a Civil Forfeiture notice if your dog is not registered with the town. Total cost for the forfeiture is \$42.50 per dog: \$25.00 police notice, \$7.00 processing fee, \$7.50 registration fee for neutered/spayed dog, \$3.00 (\$1/month) late fee. If your dog is unneutered/unspayed, there will be an additional \$2.50 charge.

*Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

## Thank You to the July/August Newsletter Crew

Thank You to Joe & Mary Pagnani, Anne Marie Antosiewicz, Skip & Sandy Belanger, Becky and Bill Dunham, Carole Belliveau, and Tracy Descoteaux (probably Jacob and Olivia too!) for folding, dotting and addressing the July/August BNLs.

If you would like to join the *Newsletter* crew on a folding night, send us an email and you'll be notified of the next folding party: [info@brentwoodnewsletter.org](mailto:info@brentwoodnewsletter.org).



## BRENTWOOD CHURCH NEWS

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – 201 North Road

First Baptist Church, 201 North Road will continue outdoor services through September, welcoming everyone. The service begins at 10:00 am each Sunday. We have two large tents under which people gather, but you can also bring your own pop-up if you wish to enjoy even greater social distancing. We provide chairs, but if you prefer, bring a lawn chair or blanket for your own use.

We encourage social distancing and offer masks and hand sanitizer and ask that people refrain from hugging and hand shaking.

Please join us any Sunday. Let us worship, pray and sing together as God's grateful people. Our newly re-surfaced parking lot offers ample space for all.

On Saturday evening, **September 12th** the church will host an end of summer Ice Cream Social, beginning at 6:30 pm.

This will be an outdoor event under our big tent. We offer Memories ice cream, with all the toppings. Fill your bowl for only \$5.00. All proceeds benefit the church. Chairs and tables will be set up to encourage social distancing.

What a great way to celebrate the end of summer: fresh evening air and delicious ice cream. Everyone is welcome!

Pastor James Barnes

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### PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BRENTWOOD-KINGSTON 197 Middle Road (Route 111A)

*We seek to live a life of active justice, extravagant welcome, and inclusive love through faith, worship, and service.*

Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 am on Facebook live or Zoom.  
[facebook.com/pg/PilgrimUCCBrentwoodKingston/](https://facebook.com/pg/PilgrimUCCBrentwoodKingston/)

#### News from the Food Pantry at Pilgrim Church

Activity has increased at the Brentwood Food Pantry housed within Pilgrim UCC on Route 111A/197 Middle Road. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and current economic crisis we are experiencing, some folks have lost jobs, others have taken pay cuts, and the increasing price of food...the list goes on.

Items frequently needed are: elbow macaroni, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, white rice, coffee, juice, baked beans, toilet paper, paper towels, and health supplies. Financial assistance enables us to purchase grocery store gift cards and other items as they run low.

We are honored and humbled to offer this resource to the community and thank you for your assistance in keeping the Brentwood Food Pantry shelves stocked. We could not do what we do without your help!

If you are interested in donating to the Food Pantry, we have a donation box out in front of the church or our office is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to noon. Financial donations are gratefully accepted either through the mail or at the church office.

Please know we respect confidentiality, so if you or someone you know needs assistance, please call the church office at 778-3189.

Rev. Tara Olsen Allen

### GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL – 263 Route 125 Our meetings continue on Facebook, Zoom, and in person!

Sunday Morning, 10:00 am - Zoom ID# 504990283

Monday, 6:30 pm - Zoom ID# 308332646

Wednesday, 6:30 pm - Zoom ID# 675105827

Healing Rooms will be open **September 19** from 10:00 am to noon.

For more information, please visit our website: [www.gracemi.org](http://www.gracemi.org).

#### Calendar of GMI Events

**Monday Nights**, 6:30 pm: Ladies Meeting (also on Zoom) *Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind*.

**Wednesday Mornings**, 9:00 am: Ladies Meeting (also on Zoom) *Sally's Hope*.

**Thursday Nights**, 6:30 pm: Everyone Welcome (also on Zoom) *Dreams and Visions*.

**Sunday Morning**: Children's Church is back!

**Austin17House**: Open air market and craft vendor fair takes place every Saturday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the parking lot.

**Discipleship Classes**: Sunday, September 13th after service in the Prayer Room.

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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH – 200 Pleasant Street, Epping

For updates and additional information,  
see our website: [stjosepheppingnh.com](http://stjosepheppingnh.com)

Masses will be Live Streamed for our Parish Community each Sunday at 10:00 am. Weekday Mass will be Live Streamed at 7:30 am Monday–Thursday. Our Webpage has a link at the time for easy access Livestreaming to help you quickly access.

All recorded Masses and Events will be available on the Archived Masses and Events Playlist for a period of approx. 2 weeks.

Capacity at Mass will be approx. 75 parishioners. We must continue to follow social distancing and maintain seating. Ushers will be present to direct seating and when capacity should be reached, parishioners should return to vehicles until Mass is concluded. We encourage you to consider bringing a laptop or phone/table and follow along in the parking lot.

Holy Communion will be distributed after those attending in Church have departed, from 11:00 am–12:00 pm at the front doors of the Church. No admittance to the Church will be allowed as cleaning will be taking place.

Again, face masks or face coverings should be worn.

All who enter the Church will be required to wear a face mask or face covering in accordance with CDC and Diocese Guidance.





**Mary F. Clancey**, 79, passed from this earth on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital with her daughter by her side.

Mary was born on January 14, 1941 in Waltham, MA then raised in Concord, MA, the eldest child of the late William and Mary (Lennon) Towler. She graduated from Rose Hawthorn High

School then went on to graduate from Chandler School for Women in Boston. In 1964 Mary started at the MITRE Corp in Bedford, MA. In 1973 she married the late Frank T. Clancey and moved to Brentwood. For the next 47 years, she dedicated herself to her community.

Every generation has a group of dedicated people who view their hometown as not just a place to reside, but as a responsibility and an extension of their family—Mary was one such person.

In 1973, Mary and her husband Frank built their home on South Road when the town was still more farm and woods than the collection of neighborhoods it has become today. Once she was settled, Mary made three important choices that would resonate through the years. First, she joined the Copeland Ceramics class where she met many of the women who would become her life-long friends and fellow volunteers in town. Second, she joined the Brentwood Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary. As many of the Auxiliary members did, Mary would wake to red phone rings or the tones of the scanner in the middle of the night, then gather at the fire station to prepare coffee and snacks for volunteer fire fighters on long cold nights. Her dedication to the department led then chief Red Byrne to offer her a position as secretary, where she remained for 34 years. Her third choice was to run for and be continuously elected to the Brentwood Supervisors of the Checklist, where many of us today will remember her friendly face as we checked in or out at the polling station.

Mary dedicated not just hours, but many years to town projects. For 20 years she collected for and distributed Community Calendars. For 25 years she served at the microphone at the annual Penny Sale fundraiser. For 27 years she dedicated her attention to the Annual Giving Department at Phillips Exeter Academy. She served 34 years as secretary to the Fire Chief. For 37 years she was elected Supervisor of the Checklist. In the 1980s some will recall her fondly as Mrs. C, where she worked at Swasey Central School as a lunch, recess, and library aid. Mary was a rare and extremely dedicated volunteer we can all look to for inspiration. She was proud to be a resident of Brentwood and her absence will be a painful reminder of what Brentwood has lost.

To her family she was more than blood; she leaves to remember her: Mary L. Clancey, Bob Scammon, Linda Macomber, Peter & Debbie Towler, Bob Hartson, Brett & Jen Towler, Elaine DiCicco, Stephen Hartson, Kevin Hartson, Katie Towler, The Byrne Family, Will Towler, The Abelli Family, Susan Cannistraro, and she was predeceased by her brother Michael Towler.



**Rita M. (Blaney) Guarino**, 90, of Keene and formerly of Guilford, VT, and a former long-time resident of Brentwood, NH, died Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at home surrounded by her family. Rita was born the daughter of the late Selena (Cotnoir) and Albert Blaney on September 26, 1929 in Millis, MA.

Rita graduated from Bethlehem High School. She graduated from Plymouth State Teacher's College where she met the love of her life, Tony Guarino. Later in life she earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration at the University of New Hampshire.

In 1951 she exchanged vows with Anthony Guarino at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. They have been married for 68 years and have five children, nine grandchildren and five great-grands.

Rita taught elementary school for a short time in Warren, NH, then stayed home caring for Tony and the children. Rita was passionate about reading and writing and developed a love of reading, writing, music and independence in the family. She relished thoughtful conversations that explored questions about the world.

Rita returned to teaching elementary school with the family moves to Lisbon, Maine and Brentwood, NH. She instilled in her students the importance of fine literature, producing plays of Shakespeare. She retired from teaching in 1983 to work with Tony at his home insurance agency. They both retired in 1991, and in retirement, they traveled and watched their families grow.

An avid writer and journalist, she contributed to the *Brentwood Newsletter* and in 2004 self-published a novel, *The One Eyed Dragon*, a commentary about her nemesis, television (say that word with a snarl), and its negative impact on children. She grew beautiful flower and vegetable gardens and walked or biked miles every day.

Rita is survived by her husband, Anthony Guarino of Keene and her five children and their families: Michelle Kareckas and husband Jack of South Berwick, ME, Jovana Guarino of South Burlington, VT, Jennifer Guarino and husband Ed Delhagen of Randolph, VT, Michael Guarino of Lee, NH, and Susan Guarino of Brattleboro, VT, and a sister Marjorie Blevins of Menden, MA. In addition, she leaves three sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Rita is predeceased by an infant daughter, Mary, a granddaughter, Alexa Cioffi, and her brothers, George and James Blaney.

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**Roger Mueller** of Brentwood, passed away at home on July 4, 2020. He was born on Dec. 10, 1964, in Bangor Maine, the son of George and Marilyn Mueller.

He is survived by his mother; four brothers, Kenneth, Bill, Scott, Carl; sister, Nancy; two nieces, Tiffany and Samantha; and three nephews, Eric, Billy Jr., and Carl Jr.



## Boston Post Cane Recipient

**HIDDEN AMONG US ARE MEN OF VALOR, MEN OF COURAGE AND KNOWLEDGE.** Men, who when called to action, did great things in the ordinary course of their lives. They are the elderly we wave to in passing, perhaps chat with from time to time, never knowing the things they have seen and done.

**PAUL ROBINSON** was born in 1924 in Seattle, Washington and grew up there loving Mt. Rainer and Puget Sound. He attended the University of Washington for one year before he was drafted into the army in 1943. First sent to Alabama for basic training, he was singled out to attend a course at Rutgers and then he was sent to work as an SED (Special Engineer Detachment) at Los Alamos. Although he was not told any details, he found out later that he was helping to work on the Manhattan Project.

One night he and three other soldiers were sent to the desert for an "important task" which turned out to be tracking the radiation cloud after the first test of the atomic bomb to make sure it did not get too close to civilization. He said the light from the blast was so bright that he thought a buddy had shined the gigantic spotlight on him that they were using for the tracking.

His favorite story about that night is that the men were hungry and decided to cook some food out there while waiting in the desert for further orders. One of the guys suggested that they test the food for radiation with a Geiger counter and the reading was higher than the device could read! Needless to say, they did not eat the food. He is likely one of the last people alive who witnessed the first atomic bomb test.

Paul stayed at Los Alamos for a year after the war and reports that those years in New Mexico were the happiest of his life, though he became a staunch opponent of the use of nuclear weapons. His letters and pictures from that time are archived at the Los Alamos museum.

After returning to Seattle, he finished his education at UWA and then spent his entire career at General Electric as an engineer, among other things, trying to develop automatic electric meter readers.

He met and married Eveline in Schenectady, NY and they built a loving family of four children, (followed by five grandchildren and five great grandchildren). They first lived in Massachusetts, but for the last 47 years, they have lived in New Hampshire and Brentwood has been home for the past 25 years. Eveline passed away at home in 2018

and Paul still lives at home, cared for by his son and daughter-in-law. He says the things he likes best about Brentwood are his land and the friendly people at the Town Office! He wishes he were still able to walk along the road and pick up trash as he used to.



Brad and Amy Robinson with Paul.  
Photo courtesy of Roger Goun.

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While it's hard getting up early, the payoff is worth it. "I love when the sun rises and it starts to get hot and you go from being cold to warm," she said. "It's so pretty to be out there."

Working with her dad is an added bonus. "It's so fun," she said. "He's one of my best friends. Our bond has been incredible."

That work occasionally involves some practical joking, throwing seaweed or fish at each other, but always in good fun. "I've always been dad's girl," she said, adding she was probably 12 when he asked her if she wanted to go lobstering with him one morning. "So, I did, and I just loved it from then on, and I haven't stopped since."

While her dad doesn't eat as much lobster as you might expect, saying "it's like eating dollar bills," she often eats the less attractive lobsters they can't sell. "The coolers here," she said pointing to one on the boat. "I'm taking it home for dinner."

As she talked about high school starting in September, and what the new version of school will look like, Ella is already looking ahead to her future career plan. "I have two plans," she said. "Join the Coast Guard until I'm 35 and continue to lobster after that or drive yachts, something on the water."

Her second plan is to pursue her other passion, riding horses, and eventually move to an area with a fishing community and start a business with her sister. Her experience on her family's boat has inspired her to keep doing what she loves.

"I just wish more kids could be able to have the experience that I have. I feel like I've become so much more confident," she said, adding she is thankful to live near the ocean. "It's such a beautiful thing and it's so magical. I'm so grateful for the experience."

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Student Honors



**MACKENZI LEE PRINA**, eldest daughter of James and Christine Prina, has earned a BS in Biomedical Science, a Minor in Chemistry, and a premedical studies specialization from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT. Currently, part of an accelerated Masters program, she is on target to earn a Masters of Health Science in Biomedical Science by June of next year. Mackenzi, her sister, and cousins, are representative of the tenth generation of Stevens

children to chase butterflies through the fields of the original Stevens homestead on South Road, established by her grandparents, Samuel and Patience Gordon Stevens over 300 years ago in the year 1718!

Emerson College, Dean's List: **Luke Ferraro**.

Endicott College, Dean's List: **Kimberly Beebe, Matthew Burns**.

Ithaca College, Dean's List: **Kaitlyn Dennehy**.

Saint Anselm College, Dean's List: **Sarah Siudut**.

Southern New Hampshire University, President's List: **Kelsey Peirce**.

Southern New Hampshire University, Dean's List: **Kameron Virkaitis**.

University of New Haven, Dean's List: **Bradyn Van Sant**.

University of Rhode Island, Dean's List: **Alexis Campbell, Mia Lane, Taylor Vitti**.

## Austin17House Fall Market

Austin17House sponsors a Farmers Market each Saturday throughout September from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. It is located in the parking lot of Grace Ministries International, 263 Route 125, in Brentwood. A sample of items available:

- Local Honey
- Fresh Produce
- Artwork
- Homemade Elderberry Syrup
- Made in America Pet Treats
- Handmade Masks
- Homemade Pies
- Home Decor
- Handmade Jewelry
- And More!

Find out more at [facebook.com/austin17house](https://facebook.com/austin17house) or send us an email to [www.austin17house.org](mailto:www.austin17house.org).

## Emergency Management Facebook

The Town of Brentwood Emergency Management page is designed to provide information before, during, and after an emergency strikes. Updated information on emergency actions will be posted to this page. They include, but are not limited to: preparedness, situational awareness, sheltering information, power outages, road closures and evacuation notices. [www.facebook.com/RDMEMD/](https://www.facebook.com/RDMEMD/)

## 2020 Absentee Ballot Request

Absentee ballots are now available. If you need to request an absentee ballot, forms are now available on the town website. Please fill out the form and email it to [townclerk@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:townclerk@brentwoodnh.gov), mail it to Town Clerk, 1 Dalton Road, Brentwood, NH 03833, or drop it off at the town office during normal business hours. Requests must be returned to the Town Clerk no later than September 7th by 5:00 pm for the State Primary election.

Absentee Ballot requests for the November General election will not become available until later in September. Check the town website or watch for an announcement in the next Newsletter.

2020 State Primary Republican and Democrat sample ballots can be viewed on the town website: [www.brentwoodnh.gov/news](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov/news).

### \*\* IMPORTANT \*\*

The Town Moderator has made the decision to require face masks be worn at both the State Primary and the General Election. If you do not have a mask one will be provided for you. Those who refuse or are unable to wear a mask will be asked to leave the building. You will be instructed to pull up in your car to the front of Swasey School. The Moderator will verify your ID and check you into the ballot book. You will then be provided with a ballot. When complete, the Moderator will bring the ballot back inside to be counted.

If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 603-642-6400 x 113.

**Brentwood Republicans** enthusiastically announce US Senate Candidate Corky Messner will be the featured speaker at our September meeting. We cordially invite all Republicans and like-minded Independents to join us.

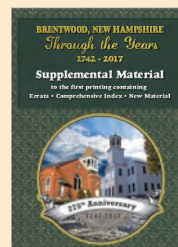
This month we meet at our new location, 329 Route 125 in Brentwood, on Wednesday evening, **September 2nd** at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Thad Riley, Brentwood GOP Chair, 603-397-9211 or [strider.thad@gmail.com](mailto:strider.thad@gmail.com).

## September Observances

Sep 7	Labor Day	Sep 19	Rosh Hashana
Sep 17	US Constitution Day	Sep 22	Autumn Equinox
Sep 18	US Air Force Birthday	Sep 28	Yom Kippur

## Brentwood, New Hampshire Through the Years 1742-2017

**BRENTWOOD HISTORY BOOK** and new **EXPANDED INDEX** are now available for sale.



If you missed the first printing, you can pick up your copy at the Town Clerk's window in the Brentwood Town Office. You may also contact the Historical Society to request a copy.

[president@brentwoodnhhistory.org](mailto:president@brentwoodnhhistory.org)



# Brentwood NEWSLETTER

## Business Card Directory

*What you need may be right in your backyard!*

The Business Card Directory is published 3 times a year and is open to all Brentwood businesses and Brentwood resident business owners. Half and full-page business promotions are available in each issue of the *Brentwood Newsletter*. If you would like to be included, please contact us at [info@brentwoodnewsletter.org](mailto:info@brentwoodnewsletter.org).

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SAU 16 took swift action in March of 2020, shutting down schools for the safety of our community. The Leadership team promptly created a Covid-19 Response Plan. During Phase II of this plan, four committees were created. These four committees consisted of a minimum of 20 stakeholders per committee to discuss and plan for the following scenarios in the upcoming 20-21 academic year: a Full Return to School, a Hybrid Return, an Interrupted Return, and a Remote Return. These committees consisted of a variety of stakeholders to include: senior leadership, special education services, mental health, staff, parents, students, health care professionals, security, and food services.

On July 20, 2020, the Senior Leadership Team presented a working draft of the SAU 16 fall plans regarding returning to school. The team outlined four specific conditions of return: **Condition 1:** Full Remote - Governor Stay at Home order, **Condition 2:** Low Density Partial remote - which means things in our area are not settled, not seeing a decline in cases, **Condition 3:** In-person With Safety Requirements - face masks and shields for grades 6-12 with masks optional for students in grades k-5 (although the requiring of face masks could be revisited at any time). Shields would be worn by staff so students may still see their teacher's face. **Condition 4:** Full Return With No Restrictions.

During the meeting, the team shared the recommendation from the SAU administration of return to school (condition 3). The following reasons were given for this decision: **a.** low transmission rates in the Seacoast region, **b.** students are best served in an in-person environment, and **c.** a functioning school helps a community to thrive and is vital to the livelihood for many people in the area.

Results of a survey given to parents SAU-wide included responses from 3,000 families. 85% of those who responded to the survey indicated they would be willing to have their children come back to school in-person. 70% of the families who responded will have the ability to transport their own children.

On both the national and state level, it has been highly encouraged that students return to in-person learning. The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with the goal of having students physically present in school.

The primary reporters of child abuse and neglect in the state of New Hampshire are teachers and childcare workers. Due to the closure of schools, the State Division of Youth and Child Families reported a 50% drop in child abuse and neglect reports in the first two weeks of Covid-19, according the private organization Waypoint.

**June 2020:** Four committees complete work on 4 return-to-school scenarios.

**July 20th:** Joint Board meeting: Senior Leadership team recommends return-to-school under condition 3 for the entire SAU, in-person learning with precautions. Parents uncomfortable with children returning in-person would have the option of VLACS (remote learning).

**July 28th:** Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board meeting: Recommends condition 3, continuing with in-person return. SAU not comfortable routing children to VLACS option after all, would rather work to keep students Blue Hawks.

**August 3rd:** Senior Leadership and Swasey Staff presented and recommended a return-to-school plan specific to Swasey under condition 3 with remote learning option. HVAC upgrades had been completed

and plenty of PPE available. Q & A for public sharing plans that have been made and protocols in place.

**August 6th:** After reviewing staff survey results, the Senior Leadership team changed course and recommended a full remote learning platform under condition 1.

**August 10th:** Swasey School Board meeting cancelled and replaced with a SAU 16 Joint Board Meeting.

**August 17th:** Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board defeats motion to return under condition 3 as originally slated. Motion passes to support the recommended full remote learning platform under condition 1.

**August 20th:** Senior Leadership presents full remote plan to Brentwood School Board. A motion to return under the original plan of full in-person with safety precautions (that had been in place up through 8/3) and the option of remote learning for those families who desire it passes.

A motion to begin the school year with remote and revisit in January was defeated.

Updated data on Covid cases was discussed during this meeting. At the time of publication: state of NH Covid cases between the ages of 0 to 9 is 2.2%, hospitalizations at .6%, and deaths at 0%- between the ages of 10- 19 is 5%, hospitalizations at .7% and deaths at 0%.

*Melissa A. Litchfield, Chair Brentwood School Board, member Exeter Coop School Board*

**Next Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board Meeting 9/15/20, 7:00 pm**

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## Brentwood Historical Society



The Historical Society will be open to the public on **September 5th** and again on **October 3rd** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The current exhibit features vintage and antique household items and is in honor of Alma Vahey who served as president of the society for 9 years.

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the public open hours, we will be following NH state guidelines for museums and galleries during this Covid-19 time. We will limit the number of visitors in the museum to 4 at a time, masks will be required (we will have a supply on-site), and there will be hand-sanitizing stations at the front door. We look forward to sharing our household collection with the public – hope to see you there.

I also wanted to announce that in lieu of on-site public programs, we will be scheduling virtual programs related to a variety of historical topics. The first to be held on Zoom, "The Grounded Goodwife" is scheduled for October 22. Watch for details in the October issue of the *Brentwood Newsletter*.

*Rebecca Dunham, President, Brentwood Historical Society*



Please join us at **9:45 on September 11** at the Fire Department for our annual memorial service to honor all those who lost their lives.

~ May We Never Forget ~

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## Brentwood Police Department

The Brentwood Police Department has a new Facebook page. If you search for Brentwood PD on the web you will still find the old page that has not been updated since March 2020. The new FB page is current and will continue to carry news about what's going on with the department. [facebook.com/Brentwood-NH-Police-Department-111715077213899/](https://facebook.com/Brentwood-NH-Police-Department-111715077213899/)

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by Liz Faria

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During the summer the Friends have supported the MEB Library's reading program. We donated some of the prizes, programs and various supplies. We also helped the library with their Curbside Pick-Up Program by providing the bags for borrowed books, which are essential to run the program.

We are still in need of one Member-at-Large. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact Laura: [lhajjar@friendsofmeblibrary.org](mailto:lhajjar@friendsofmeblibrary.org).

While it seems far away, the holiday season is coming. We don't know yet due to Covid-19 if we can host our scheduled holiday activities, but we want to be prepared. We are looking for a new Santa, if you know someone who is interested in participating in the event please contact Laura at:

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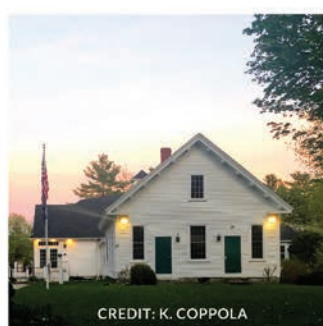
Our next meeting will be on **Monday, September 14** at 7:00 pm.

*Sarah Palmer, Secretary for The Friends*

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library is moving forward in our Phased Service Plan. In addition to curbside service, which will continue for those who prefer, we will be scheduling appointments for in-library visits! Beginning on **Monday, August 31st**, we will schedule up to 6 people at the top of each hour for 30 minute sessions in the library. Services offered will include computer use, copy and fax assistance, and material selection. Anyone wishing to enter the library must sanitize their hands and wear a mask (please bring your own if you have one – otherwise one will be provided). Please see our website or call 642-3355 for days/times of operation as well as more details about visiting the library.

Join us for a virtual Information Night with Casella Waste Systems, Inc. on **Monday, September 14th** at 6:00 pm to learn about our town's new trash removal company and their recycling program. Bring your questions for a Q&A session after the presentation.

*Janice Wiers, Library Director*



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## SUMMER READING RECAP

The Summer Reading Program a success, even though it was very different this year! We had 70 registered readers, and almost 2,000 hours of reading were logged! Prizes have been flying out the door, going home with very excited children, teens, and adults. Congratulations to all our readers!!

I would like to take a moment to thank:

- The Friends of the MEB Library who funded our Summer prizes, programs, and supplies!
- Meadow's Mirth and Brew Cafe for donating gift cards!
- Sue Mayo for donating her raffle tickets to children participating in challenges!
- The staff of the MEB library for jumping in to help Heather whenever it was needed!
- Heather, the mastermind behind it all - for adapting to the conditions of COVID-19 in preparing a fantastic Summer Reading Program - one that will go down in history for sure! She thought outside the box from the beginning, put in a great many hours, and reassessed mid-way through the summer, resulting in some extra programs added for patrons who requested such.

## AUTUMN ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Curbside Pickup is underway!
- See [brentwoodlibrarynh.org](http://brentwoodlibrarynh.org) for a Curbside Request Form if you don't know what to read next!
- Sept. 14th at 6pm via Zoom - Join us for a program hosted by Casella Recycling. Information will be shared and questions will be answered. Watch for updates on our website, social media, and our weekly e-newsletters.
- We are planning a program on elder care for those dealing with the complexities of Dementia and Alzheimers. If you have any contacts who might be willing to join a panel discussion, please email me at [director.mebllib@gmail.com](mailto:director.mebllib@gmail.com)
- Our next Trustees' meeting will be via Zoom on Monday, September 21st at 6pm.

## Looking for Year-Round Family Fun? Check Out Archery

With the coronavirus shutdown, many families have been looking for new activities for the extra family time. If you are looking for new recreational opportunities, it may be time to introduce your family to archery.

### One of the Safest Sports

Archery is very safe. The Archery Trade Association notes that its 2017 injury rate was .057 per 1,000 participants. For perspective, the only sports with slightly lower injury rates are bowling, badminton and table tennis. Soccer, baseball and basketball cause injuries at 15 to 25 times higher rates.

### Fun for (almost) All Ages

When considering new family activities, you'll find none beats archery for inclusivity. Archery is truly a lifelong sport that can be learned and practiced at nearly any age. USA Archery recommends 8 as the minimum age for most kids to pick up a bow. However, it comes down to maturity and being able to focus on goals and safety instructions.

If you have a youngster who's eager to start, you can include them even if they can't shoot real equipment. Toy bows let toddlers and preschoolers feel like they're shooting alongside the family. And if they follow the same basics and safety rules as the rest of the family, they'll be better prepared when picking up "real" equipment the first time.

Parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents know you can teach an "old dog" new tricks! Many sports give youths an edge, but archery often puts you toe-to-toe with your kids.

### It's Excellent Exercise

Drawing the bow and walking to the target are great ways to exercise. Archery provides low-impact activity with many physical and mental health benefits. Drawing a bow strengthens your core, arms, hands, chest and shoulders. Walking around a course or back and forth to the target to pull arrows can provide cardio workouts, too. All the while, archery improves focus, patience and coordination.

### Getting Started

If your family is ready for archery's fun, safe and heart-happy activities, sign up for lessons through local archery shops, local instructors or through one of several summer recreation department programs offered by area towns. Many of these venues offer rental equipment and can introduce you to the range of equipment options.

### Practice

Once your crew learns the basics, the fun really begins. You'll find endless opportunities to practice archery as a family. If your yard is large enough, you can transform your backyard into a range, but confirm you have enough clearance from neighbors to have a safe shooting setup! You can also join an archery club to practice your shooting. The good news is there is a local club located on Brentwood Rec property. It is a private club run by Lamprey River Bowhunters (LRB) and membership is open to the public for a nominal annual fee. Check out the LRB's website at [lampreyriverbowhunters.com](http://lampreyriverbowhunters.com) for more information about membership.

Let the year-round family-friendly fun begin!

Bill Brown



## Theft is Theft

Recently a large political sign was cut from its frame and carted off in the middle of the night by some scoundrel who did not respect the individual's right of free expression, nor the eighth of God's Ten Commandments, "Thou shall not steal."

Inappropriately placed political advertising on public property may be removed by state, city, or town maintenance or law enforcement personnel.

According to New Hampshire law [RSA 664], signs are not allowed to be posted on utility poles or attached to highway signs, but are generally permitted within state-owned rights-of-way as long as the advertising does not obstruct traffic and is placed with the consent of the owner of the land over which the right-of-way passes. However, in the case of political sign pilfering, New Hampshire law is clear:

RSA 664:17 ...No person shall remove, deface, or knowingly destroy any political advertising which is placed on or affixed to public property or any private property except for removal by the owner of the property, persons authorized by the owner of the property, or a law enforcement officer removing improper advertising...

This law provides a hefty penalty for offenders. RSA 664:21-VI (a) provides: "Whoever violates any of the provisions ... of RSA 664:17 relative to removing, defacing, or destroying political advertising on private property shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000."

While theft of a political sign may only initially incur a misdemeanor conviction, harsher penalties may be pursued. Per our New Hampshire Constitution—Article 11. Elections and Elective Franchises—it in part states (emphasis mine):

... No person shall have the right to vote under the constitution of this state who has been convicted of treason, bribery **or any willful violation of the election laws of this state or of the United States**; but the supreme court may, on notice to the attorney general, restore the privilege to vote to any person who may have forfeited it by conviction of such offenses...

In the past few weeks, other prominently displayed signs have been stolen and vandalized. If the perpetrators are over the age of 18, they'd be wise to grow up and pay close attention to the penalties. There are several court hearings pending around the state. One case from Gilford, NH involves an alleged adult who was caught removing a sign. He now faces the possibility of being stripped of his right to vote. Caught in the act of shutting down one opinion, he may have neutered his own.

These acts are not unique to one campaign or another, the law treats offenders the same. So, whether signage theft is made under the guise of youthful hijinks, or with more nefarious purposes, theft is theft and the punishment may be more than a thief is aware of at the time of the crime.

Robin Wrighton



# “You Can Vote Your Way Into Socialism, But You’ll Have to Shoot Your Way Out.” ~Ayn Rand

An Editorial by Willam Dunham

On July 4, 2020, Colin Kaepernick, a professional protester in a football uniform, tweeted the following message: “We reject your celebration of white supremacy and look forward to liberation for all...”

Prior to this, on June 29, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) via its Twitter account, attacked the Independence Day celebration at Mount Rushmore as “glorifying white supremacy.”

The DNC has always claimed to defend the underprivileged, so a review of its website was in order, and this partial quote appeared on their history page: “For more than 200 years, our party has led the fight for civil rights...” One is reminded of the Jonathan Swift axiom “A lie runs half way ‘round the earth, before the truth puts on its shoes.”

Leading African-Americans such as Candace Owens, Larry Elder, Terry Crews, Allen West, Herschel Walker and others have viewed history outside of today’s leftist media and education system. They understand the Democratic Party is *exactly the opposite* of what the DNC purports it to be and has 200 years of minority oppression under its belt.

In 1829, democrat Andrew Jackson was elected President. Jackson mastered the art of stealing land from the Native Americans and selling it to white settlers for a profit or cheaply for political support. In addition, the Democratic Party touted a new justification for slavery: it was not only good for the master, it was also good for slaves. Leftist democrats today conceal Democratic complicity in slavery by blaming it on “the South.” It was actually a battle between the pro-slavery Democrats and the anti-slavery Republicans.

Steven Spielberg did an admirable job in his biopic *Lincoln*, which depicted the democratic party’s fierce resistance to the republican President’s desire for the “utter and complete extirpation,” of slavery. However, since Spielberg had contributed \$56,300 to the DNC, the DCCC, Barack Obama, and various democratic politicians, the film’s distribution was tabled until three days after President Obama was re-elected—to avoid becoming “political fodder.”

The Ku Klux Klan was founded in 1866 by a group of former confederate soldiers. Its first grand wizard was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. The Klan spread beyond the South and became, in the words of historian Eric Foner, “the domestic terrorist arm of the Democratic Party” and the best way to prevent blacks from voting for Republicans through intimidation and violence. Democrats, including two Supreme Court justices, innumerable senators and congressmen were Klan members. The last one, Robert Byrd, died in 2010 and was eulogized by former Vice-President and presidential candidate Joe Biden.

Democrats in the 1880s invented segregation and Jim Crow laws that lasted through the 1960s. Democrats also developed the “separate but equal” rationale that justified segregation and pretended it was for the benefit of African-Americans.

Socialist and Planned Parenthood’s founder Margaret Sanger, advanced the “Negro Project.” She wrote in her autobiography about speaking to a KKK group, advocating for a eugenics approach to breeding for “the gradual suppression, elimination and eventual extinction, of defective stocks—those human weeds which threaten the blooming of the finest flowers of American civilization.” The vast majority of abortion clinics are based in minority neighborhoods. Per statistics available at the CDC, only 13% of the female population, African-Americans made up 38% of all abortions in 2016. In 2009 Planned Parenthood gave the Margaret Sanger Award to democrat Hillary Clinton. During her acceptance speech, Clinton gushed: “I admire Margaret Sanger enormously. Her courage, her tenacity, her vision...When I think about what she did all those years

ago in Brooklyn, taking on archetypes, taking on attitudes and accusations flowing from all directions, I’m really in awe of her. There are a lot of lessons we can learn from her life, from the causes she launched and fought for and sacrificed for so greatly.”

In the 1950s republican Attorney General Herbert Brownell played a major role in shaping the 1957 Civil Rights Act, the first major civil rights legislation in decades, that sought to protect the voting rights of black Americans. The bill passed the House in a 286 to 126 vote: 51% of Democrats voted in favor of the bill compared to 84% of Republicans.

Democratic Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson believed the future success of his party depended on the enactment of additional civil rights legislation. Rather than legislate against minorities, the party would ensure this new voting base would never be given an opportunity to succeed on its own. Upon assuming the Presidency, Johnson proposed a “legislative blitzkrieg” that, in 20 years, would re-enslave many poor and minorities into total government dependency. As Schweikart and Allen pointed out in *A Patriot’s History of the United States* “welfare and other assistance between 1965 and 1970 represented the largest voluntary transfer of wealth in human history, with no appreciable effect – indeed, with horrible consequences.”

Say hello to the new Democrat Party voting base—illegal aliens. The joint MIT/Yale study (Kaplan/Feinstein/Zarandi) estimates that, in 2016, there were between 16.7 to 22 million illegals in the United States. Fifteen leftist states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws to allow illegal aliens to obtain driver’s licenses. As of April 19, 2019, more than 200 leftist state, county and city “sanctuaries” have refused to comply with Federal Immigration Law. The left opposes President Trump’s effort to build a wall to control illegal immigration. On July 7, Democrats moved to slash, by 60%, the amount of space needed to hold illegals at Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) jails, while doing away with family housing centers. Also, at the democratic presidential debate on June 27, 2019, when asked the question “would your health plan cover undocumented immigrants?” every candidate, including, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, raised his hand.

This is not your grandfather’s Democratic Party. This is the new Socialist, Democrat Party. It is the product of the 1960s and 70s revolutionaries who have permeated the hallways of every government bureaucracy and newsroom.

Enter Donald Trump, warts-and-all, who looked upon the federal government as a malfunctioning corporation (which it is). Firmly entrenched democrats and left-leaning republicans, federal down to the town level, were stunned at his election, and threats of impeachment surfaced—even before inauguration. Despite their massive interference, this guy gets things done. The media, used to *creating* the news, are now being challenged by someone who *is* the news. Common sense voters have realized he isn’t a politician, but one of them.

The Socialist Democrat Party keeps the coronavirus in the media, while urging us to stay home and wear masks and creating a fearful atmosphere. They avoid any discussion of their complicity in encouraging illegal immigration and the permissive atmosphere in democrat-controlled cities where anarchy, looting, shootings, beatings, arson, destruction and removal of monuments, defunding the police and control of firearms run rampant.

It is the supreme hypocrisy and the ultimate magic trick: Pay close attention to what’s going on with my right hand—but ignore what’s going on with the left.

## An Editorial by Eric Turer

I've made my career in public health and there has always been an irony in public health preparedness and interventions. In normal times, public health is nearly invisible and the many health benefits we benefit from are largely invisible. If, however, a problem is detected and projections show that a new and deadly virus is spreading and will likely infect and kill many people, one of two things can happen. We can take well-understood measures to limit the spread of that virus, such as social distancing, halting travel, closing gatherings, wearing masks, and sanitizing when out in public. Those things will limit the spread of the virus, while testing and tracing measures are implemented to gain control, meaning the level of death and disease will not reach projected levels. Nobody in public health makes such projections just to do nothing and watch them materialize, but predictably some people will claim that the efforts were a waste and that the projections were wrong and based on fear mongering. The other option, however, is that we don't take action, and the virus spreads freely, cases grow exponentially, leading to high rates of disease and death. In that scenario, public health officials are accused of not taking steps to protect the public and limit the virus.

Both of these strategies have played out in different states and countries, and in different phases, to some degree. Nationally our lack of a coordinated response has left us in a precarious position. It might not feel like it, given all the disruption in our life and the economy, but here in NH we are one of the states that has done quite well - closer to the first scenario above. Even our town has done well compared to the rest of our county and nearby Massachusetts. Through a mix of social factors, public health measures, and likely some luck, we have been one of the few states and areas not to see the full measure of the initial 'surge' projections, or the rapid rise in cases seen elsewhere over the summer as things began to reopen prematurely. There is a strong temptation to believe all that we have done was for nothing, that the danger is past, and we can, and must, return to business as usual. That's simply not true. Until we have a working vaccine widely distributed, the virus remains just as contagious and deadly, and we remain as vulnerable as we were initially if we let our guard down. Given what is happening in many other areas of the country, the risk of an outbreak and exponential spread here in our state remains high if we don't remain vigilant and careful.

What we have done thus far can be viewed as an historic investment in the health of our population and the future of our economy. Many jobs and businesses have been lost while trillions of dollars - an unprecedented sum - have been borrowed nationally and spent in an effort to mitigate the impact of the steps needed to keep the coronavirus from recognizing its full potential to spread and kill. Now we must work together to protect that investment and our state's success to date. Those are 'sunk costs' that can either help to get us through this challenge, or be wasted as we simply delay the inevitable. Masks and distancing are cheap technology that can make a huge difference. Remote work and learning, while less than ideal, is also a key short-term solution. We can even vote securely without forcing our citizens to all walk through one small building in a day. We should be proud of our success to date, and do everything in our power to hold onto it until the danger has passed.

## Letters to the Community

### Candidate Endorsement

We have known Eric Turer, who is running to represent Brentwood, Danville and Fremont in the NH House of Representatives, for eight years. We strongly feel Eric will best represent District 33 due to his intelligence, knowledge and experience, especially in the medical field. He has over 30 years of involvement in senior management and policy leadership in public health. In our present day health crisis, we have witnessed firsthand how important intelligent leadership is at all levels of government. Our health and wellbeing should not be in the hands of a representative without this expertise.

Jack and Sue Mitchell

### Litchfield Receives Governor's Endorsement



Melissa Litchfield will be an outstanding State Representative for Brentwood and I enthusiastically support her. As Chair of the Brentwood School Board, Melissa has proven she is a strong and tireless leader who gets the job done for her community. The citizens of Brentwood will be well-served by Melissa as their Representative and I look forward to working with her in Concord.

Governor Chris Sununu

### Candidate Statement

I am writing to announce that after serving this great community for two consecutive terms as your State Representative, I am running for the office of State Senator for district #23!

I am looking to perform three simple steps to put our State in the number one place to live in New England.

First, GUARD, the New Hampshire Advantage. That is done with the simplicity of no taxes, no income taxes, no sales tax, no extra fees (taxes on our great institutions). Simply put, no new taxes...if we take the time to do our job in YOUR interest, we will most likely find none are needed.

Second, GUIDE us out of this labyrinth of a mess we are in due to the closing of our State for this extended period of time. I will use common sense and conservative solutions, not party politics, in regards to our livelihoods here in the Granite State.

Third, GOVERN. This begins with a true sense of dignity and respect for the people of this great district of our State. I will honor your input in issues of schools, business, personal care needed for our Veterans, those with disabilities, our first responders, and our youth who have been deeply impacted by the choices that have been made.

Finally, YOU know what works for YOU! My goal is to serve you to that end. I will work with the Governor to insure we continue to make our State the number one place to work, to live, to play, and raise your family.

Thank you in advance for your support on September 8th. I look forward to the race in November. Excelsior!

Allen Cook



## News From the State House

I grew up in California and as a child I thought it was a great place to live until one fateful day. That day was payday. The first payday of my first job was a day that set me on a quest. The quest was to leave California in search of a place that didn't have a state income tax. Move after move, I was a little like Goldilocks trying to find a place that would be just right. New Hampshire is just right for me.

I see the flood of people moving out of California and New York in search of places with lower taxes and less regulation and it reminds me of my journey. Some government officials scoff at the idea that people will vote with their feet if they pass an increased tax or regulation because, like in the tale of the frog in the pot of boiling water, the life of people is only being drained out a little at a time. The few people that leave and the few that don't come into the state because of a tax or regulation are hard to quantify, so many shrug it off. The recent lockdowns and regulations of businesses have threatened people's livelihood so much that they might not be able to survive. The loss of jobs and businesses have freed a lot of people to rethink why they live where they live and where they can find the opportunities they need to not only survive, but thrive. This is why it is important to maintain the New Hampshire Advantage.

One of the things I like about New Hampshire is how easy it is to get involved and the atmosphere of civic engagement. I started volunteering for town boards after seeing the need for more people on town boards. They seem to always be in search of people to help dot the "i"s and cross the "t"s. Town boards have the power to control how you use your property and how much in taxes you pay, so a small investment of time there can have a big impact in the lives of people in your community. That is why I continue to serve on town boards in addition to being a State Representative.

While each member of California's House of Representatives represents about 465k people, New Hampshire's represent about 3k, which not only allows for more opportunities to get involved, but allows Representatives to be much more responsive to constituents' questions. I post my cell phone and email right on my website ([JoshYokelaForNH.com](http://JoshYokelaForNH.com)), so if you ever have questions or comments you can reach out without a need for an appointment.

I am seeking re-election to be your State Representative so that I can work to keep the New Hampshire Advantage and increase the reasons people choose New Hampshire when looking for a state where they can be free to run their business and raise their children as they see fit.

Representative Josh Yokela, Brentwood, Danville, Fremont  
[questions@JoshYokelaForNH.com](mailto:questions@JoshYokelaForNH.com), 603-722-0501

Happy Fall. I wish we could welcome what would normally be the start of the school year, but with the CoronaVirus still spreading throughout the country, a 'typical' school year will not be possible. As of this writing (Aug. 15), the SAU 16 Joint Board has decided to start the school year with remote learning. The critical factors that influenced the decision relate to workforce availability of core and substitute staff due to health-related factors, other surrounding school districts' return to school plans, parent and teacher feedback, and increased risk reporting from state and federal agencies.

The Swasey School Board will decide later this month if SCS will adhere to the Joint Board recommendation. These decisions remain so difficult for teachers, parents and students. The school system will be relying on everyone in our community working together to keep them safe. We can do that by wearing masks or face coverings while in public, social distancing, and following the evolving recommendations from the scientific community.

In our final Session, the NH House also felt the impact of the virus, leading to the passage of a number of bills relating to relief and protections for Granite Staters, frontline workers, and small businesses. I voted for bills to ensure; CARES act disbursements are trackable online, allowing pharmacists to deliver a future COVID-19 vaccine, expanding broadband access within municipalities, allowing all voters to vote absentee in the 2020 elections due to concern over COVID-19, increasing renter protections, waiving cost-sharing for testing and treatment of CoronaVirus and extending the Federal Family and Medical leave act for COVID-19. The House also passed bills to directly support our State's hard hit long term care facilities by establishing a nursing home and long term care COVID fund and establishing a committee to study the safety of residents and employees in these facilities.

In these times of uncertainty, it is more important than ever to have a state government which functions cooperatively with agencies in order to protect our citizens. We will have a lot to do post election to balance our budget and continue to build on the priorities of healthcare, environmental protections, voting rights, and equitable education.

Because of the pandemic, I have not been able to interact with voters as much as I have done in the past. In my 2018 election, I truly enjoyed getting to know voters through an extensive door knocking campaign and house parties. For the safety of our community, it looks like phone calls and lawn signs will be my mode of contact. I am eager to speak with you, so if you see the number listed below in caller ID, please pick up, and have a conversation with me. While distributing signs around town, I have noticed many other signs that read: "We believe; Black Lives Matter, Love is Love, Feminism is for Everyone, No Human Being is Illegal, Science is Real, Be Kind to All." I am proud to place my signs with others expressing that sentiment and I pledge to continue to support that point of view in Concord.

I can be reached at [liz.mcconnell@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:liz.mcconnell@leg.state.nh.us), 603-770-3883. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Brentwood. I love this job! Liz

## Brentwood Meeting Dates

*Be sure to check the individual organization articles inside for many more activities and dates!*

- Sep 1 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm. Use Youtube live link or Vimeo link to watch the meeting.
- Sep 2 **Brentwood Republican Meeting**, 329 Route 125, Brentwood, 6:30 pm.
- Sep 3 **Cemetery Trustees Meeting**, at 5:00 pm in the Sanborn Room at the Town Office.
- Sep 3 **Planning Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm via remote access. Check the town website and PB agenda for login details.
- Sep 5 **Brentwood Historical Society Open Hours**: 140 Crawley Falls Road. Open to the public from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Sep 7 **Town Offices Closed** in observance of Labor Day.
- Sep 7 **Swasey School Board Meeting**: 6:30 pm, via Zoom.
- Sep 8 **NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRIMARY: SWASEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM.**
- Sep 8 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Remote due to election. Use Youtube live link or Vimeo link to watch the meeting.
- Sep 9 **Conservation Commission Meeting**: Town Office, 6:30 pm.
- Sep 11 **9/11 National Day of Remembrance**: Brentwood Fire Department, 9:45 am.
- Sep 14 **Friends of the Library Meeting**: 7:00 pm. Login information will be available on the library website.
- Sep 15 **Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm, via Zoom.
- Sep 15 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm. Use Youtube live link or Vimeo link to watch the meeting.
- Sep 15 **Deadline for submissions to the Brentwood Newsletter.**
- Sep 17 **Planning Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm via remote access. Check the town website and PB agenda for login details.
- Sep 19 **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**: Highway Shed (207 Middle Road), 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- Sep 21 **Library Trustees Meeting**, 6:00 pm via Zoom. Login information will be available on the library website.
- Sep 22 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm. Use Youtube live link or Vimeo link to watch the meeting.
- Sep 22 **Recreation Commission Meeting**, Town Office, 6:30 pm. TENTATIVE, check with the Rec Dept. to confirm.
- Sep 29 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm. Use Youtube live link or Vimeo link to watch the meeting.

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